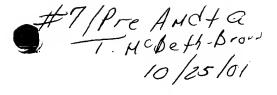
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In re application of		)
	Richard C. Machin, et al.	) )
Serial No.:	09/094,539	) ) Art Unit ) 2151
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Filed:	June 12, 1998	) )
For:	METHOD, SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR REPRESENTING AND CONNECTING AN UNDERLYING CONNECTION-ORIENTED DEVICE IN A KNOWN FORMAT	) ) ) )
Examiner:	Gary Fourson	PEO
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Dear Sir:		5100

Responsive to the first Office Action, dated July 5, 2001, a request for a continued prosecution application being filed herewith, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and reconsideration of the pending claims in view of the remarks set forth herein.

## **AMENDMENT**

## In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 7, and add new claims 10-13 as follows (for the Examiner's convenience, all the pending claims are reproduced below, with those claims that are <u>not</u> amended being printed in italics):